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1. The continuous, systematic political indoctrination is designed to create a strong hatred of the West among the younger Volkspolizei. The older, better informed Vopos are less likely to be influenced. At times, so-called free and non-obligatory instruction evenings are held which, however, are not looked forward to with unqualified eagerness by the Vopos. At these, each one's appearance or non-appearance is duly recorded as a measure of the political sentiment of each individual. Whoever fails to appear is summoned to a talk with the director of political instruction. Two absences bring a reprimand, while a third abstention has most unfortunate consequences. The principle is: politically unreliable, unfit for Volkspolizei service.
2. Announcements of the officers' training course for the Volkspolizei state that the enlistment is for three years, but this is only on paper. Volkspolizei officers usually serve six years. Applicants who want to enlist only for three years cannot count on having the request approved.
3. In the course of a three weeks' general cleanup among the Volkspolizei in Stern-Buchholz, four of the police were sentenced to forced labor for alleged conspiracy and for conveying valuable materials to Western agents. The inquiries were conducted exclusively by Soviet authorities.
4. All Volkspolizei officers are to have their pay reduced. In addition, every officer is obliged to give five percent of his pay for the rebuilding of Berlin. Enlisted personnel have to contribute two to three percent of their pay.
5. Thirty percent of the Volkspolizei Alert unit at Prenzlau has been detailed to relieve married members of the force now doing duty in the border zone. Young, healthy and unmarried men are chosen. It is common knowledge that the border guard generally is to be increased by fifty percent. Replacements are being equipped with new, modern weapons.

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6. The deputy Volkspolizei commander at Prenzlau, Eitelmueller (fnu), has been transferred to Moscow for an extended course at the military academy. Eitelmueller says that during the whole time he will not once be allowed to leave the place. There are about two hundred other Volkspolizei officers there for training. The relatives of these officers in Germany are well guarded and supplied. Mail for the trainees in Moscow [REDACTED] is handled by Fräulein Spech (fnu) of the Training Command headquarters.

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